

11/11/80

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I HOPE YOU ARE RECOVERING WELL.

I PRAY FOR YOUR GOOD HEALTH.

ENCLOSED IS A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE IF AND WHEN YOU ARE ABLE TO RESPOND, BUT YOU TAKE IT SLOWLY, OK?

ENCLOSED:

① TWO (POOR) XEROX COPIES OF THE NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM AND SUN - FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 1964 REGARDING GUINN'S COMMENTS OF NEUTRON ACTIVATION ANALYSIS OF OSWALD'S PARAFFIN CASTS. I GOT THE ARTICLE FROM THE NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

I MADE A PRINTED OUT COPY DUPLICATE FOR YOU SO THAT YOU COULD READ WITH EASE THE ENTIRE TRANSCRIPT OF THE ARTICLE.

② ENCLOSED ARE 3 SLIDES: CE 842 - CORNALLY WRIST FRAGMENTS

③ 1964 - CE 842 CITED AS "FRAGMENTS" = PLURAL IN 1964 (IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE 1, 2, 3, 4, OR 5 FRAGMENTS. NICHOLS GOT A LETTER FROM FBI HEAD CLARENCE KELLEY ON MARCH 5, 1974 WHICH STATED CE 842 CONTAINED ONLY A SINGLE FRAGMENT. I ASKED NICHOLS 3 TIMES FOR A COPY OF THE LETTER AND HAVE NOT GOTTEN ANY

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FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE.

② 1967 - 2 FRAGMENTS = CE 942 FROM JOSHUA THOMPSON'S SIX SECONDS IN DALLAS.

③ 1968 - 3 FRAGMENTS = CE 942 - NICHOLS PHOTO.

I WILL GET YOU A COPY OF NICHOLS' ENTIRE ARTICLE FOR YOU FROM PENN JONES IF YOU WISH.

FINALLY, ENCLOSED : AMMO INFO - NOTHING MUCH THOUGH.

① CHIEF HISTORIAN - 10/7/80 - NO COOPERATION

②-⑥ - FBI COVER LETTER + 4 SPRINGFIELD FBI DOCUMENTS

⑦ DAVENPORT - 104 SERIALS = \$20.00. NO WORD AS YET.

⑧ FBI BRESSON - I TRIED, IN VAIN, TO GET ADDRESSES OF AGENTS INVOLVED WITH ORIGINAL 12/2/63 FBI DOCUMENT CITING USMC SOURCE.

I HOPE I HAVE BEEN OF SERVICE TO YOU.

ALL COSTS INVOLVED ARE MY PLEASURE, A THANKS TO A MAN WHOM I RESPECT FOR TRYING TO UPHOLD TRUTH DESPITE THE ODDS.

Sincerely,
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NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM AND SUN FRIDAY AUGUST 28, 1964
RADIOACTIVITY AIDS OSWALD PROBE

(UPI) GLASGOW, AUG 28 - THE USE OF RADIOACTIVITY
IN CRIMINOLOGY MAY DETERMINE ONCE AND FOR ALL
WHETHER LEE HARVEY OSWALD KILLED PRESIDENT KENNEDY,
A SAN DIEGO CALIF. CHEMIST SAYS.

DR. VINCENT P. GUINN, 46, HEAD OF THE
ACTIVATION ANALYSIS PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL ATOMIC
DIVISION OF GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP. HAS BEEN
WORKING ON THE PROBLEM WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU
OF INVESTIGATION.

STILL SECRET

" I CANNOT SAY WHAT WE FOUND OUT
ABOUT OSWALD BECAUSE IT IS SECRET UNTIL THE
PUBLICATION OF THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT
BUT I CAN TELL YOU ABOUT ACTIVATION ANALYSIS
AND CRIME," THE SCIENTIST SAID HERE YESTERDAY.

" IN THE CASE OF MURDER OR ANY CRIME
INVOLVING A GUN," GUINN SAID, " THERE IS A PARAFFIN
TEST WHERE A WAX IMPRESSION IS TAKEN OF THE
HAND AND CHEEKS."

" THE WAX LIFTS TINY FRAGMENTS OF POWDER
AND THIS IS SUBJECTED TO A CHEMICAL TEST TO SHOW
IF THE PERSON FIRED THE GUN.

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" THIS HAS BEEN USED FOR MANY YEARS, BUT EXPERIMENTS SHOW IT TO BE EXTREMELY UNRELIABLE ALTHOUGH IT IS QUITE EXTENSIVELY USED IN THE UNITED STATES.

" THERE IS A NEED FOR A BETTER PROCEDURE AND ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO WE BEGAN WORKING ON ACTIVATION ANALYSIS.

THE SCIENTISTS REASONED, GUINN CONTINUED, THAT IF A GUN WAS FIRED AND SOME OF THE POWDER CAME BACK ON THE HANDS AND CHEEK, SOME OF THE BULLET PRIMER SHOULD ALSO COME BACK.

THEY DECIDED TO TRY LOOKING FOR ELEMENTS BY PUTTING THE WAX IMPRESSIONS OF HANDS AND CHEEKS INTO A NUCLEAR REACTOR

INFORMS FBI

" WE FOUND THEM (THE IMPRESSIONS) SURE ENOUGH," GUINN SAID.

GUINN SAID THAT HE HAD INFORMED THE FBI THAT IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO UTILIZE ACTIVATION ANALYSIS "BECAUSE THE DALLAS POLICE HAD MERELY USED THE PARAFFIN TEST THEY HAD NEVER HEARD OF AA.

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"WE BOUGHT A SIMILAR RIFLE FROM THE SAME SHOP AS OSWALD HAD AND CONDUCTED TWO PARALLEL TESTS. ONE PERSON FIRED THE RIFLE ON EIGHT OCCASIONS, GOING THROUGH THE PARAFFIN TEST AFTER EACH FIRING.

~~THEN~~ PRIMER SHOWS

"ONLY ONE OUT OF THE EIGHT EXPERIMENTS GAVE A POSITIVE INDICATION.

"THEN WE REPEATED THE PROCEDURE USING RADIOACTIVITY. IT WAS POSITIVE IN ALL EIGHT CASES AND SHOWED A PRIMER ON BOTH HANDS AND BOTH CHEEKS.

"THEN WE TOOK THE CASTS OF OSWALD'S CHEEK AND PUT THEM IN A NUCLEAR REACTOR. WE FOUND NO BARIUM BUT WE FOUND ANTIMONY (A MINERAL ELEMENT) IN EVERY CASE."

GUINN SAID THE EVIDENCE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE WARREN COMMISSION AND WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT SOON TO BE PUBLISHED ON KENNEDY'S DEATH.